

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 193
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the owners and employees of
WAKM Radio upon the celebration of its 50th
Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable businesses whose employees have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, WAKM AM-950 is one such remarkable operation, which has made a considerable difference in the lives of the many Middle Tennesseans who have the certain pleasure of experiencing the station's quality local news and entertainment broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, founded in March 1953, by William R. Ormes and a group of local businessmen, WAKM Radio began as a regional daytime radio station, through which local community news was gathered and broadcast; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, WAKM AM-950 was purchased by Jim Hayes, Tom Lawrence, Bill Ewin, Charles Dibrell, and Darrell Williams, and these new owners initiated an improvement

program that has since strengthened the station's local news tradition and advanced the technical plant into one of the finest stations in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, WAKM Radio eventually added night service and increased transmitter power to 5,000 watts, making it one of the most powerful stations in the area; and

WHEREAS, with popular shows such as the *Home Town Radio Show*, *Radio Roundtable*, and *Trade-Time Live* and the extraordinary talent and commitment of the WAKM AM-950 announcers, producers, and staff members, the station has become distinguished as an exceptional asset to the Williamson County community; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success of WAKM Radio is directly attributable to the reliance of its owners and employees on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the staff of WAKM AM-950 is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and it should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the owners and employees of WAKM Radio on fifty years of remarkable broadcasts to the good people of Tennessee and wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.